

DEALING
WITH
DISAPPOINTMENT

**HOW TO FOCUS AGAIN IN
YOUR LIFE!**

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Father we thank You as we bow before You. We are overwhelmed with a *consciousness of Your favor upon our lives*. Father, we thank You that You have loved us in the beginning when Your Word was, before we have done anything to deserve Your favor. You have associated us in Christ Jesus even before the foundation of the world. We thank You for the foundation of Jesus that You have built us upon and on which we have to stand today and every day hereafter. Father, as we approach Your Word, it is with confidence that *it is the revelation of how exceedingly righteous Man was made in Christ Jesus*.

We have no hesitation in our hearts, only a zeal, a desire to *again be refreshed* together with all the Saints in the knowledge that You have come *to liberate us* from every lie of the dominion of darkness and death. You have released us from the Kingdom of darkness and You have translated us and brought us over into the Kingdom of the Son of Your love. Thank You that as we speak and encounter together Your Word our hearts are enlightened again Father. Thank You that our hearts and our minds are being liberated *to see as God sees*. Thank You, Father, in Jesus' Name and to His glory.

In dealing with DISAPPOINTMENT, we must allow the Holy Spirit to refresh our minds and our understanding as to *what God has successfully accomplished on Man's behalf*. He has secured us into a place that He has prepared for us, a place where NOTHING CAN INTERRUPT OUR FELLOWSHIP. God has made such

abundant provision for every individual to effectively deal with every opportunity to be disappointed, that NO MEASURE of disappointment *will have what it takes to make you miserable.*

If we are not released in our HEARTS to deal effectively with disappointment, then DISAPPOINTMENT will surely lead us into DEPRESSION. It will lead us into DESPAIR and it will ultimately lead us into DEFEAT. The enemy came to steal and to destroy. His desire is *to destroy every reality that belongs to you in Christ Jesus.* He wants you to be unaware of what God has provided for you. Do not allow your senses to rob you of what your faith focuses on and of what your *faith knows.* The enemy wants *to distract the focus of your faith.* He wants to challenge *the focus of your faith,* and the knowledge that your faith has as substance. Our *faith is not a mere positive thought* that we have embraced - to just be strong in this life, to be an overcomer and have the best attitude towards the future!! If that were all that our faith was, we would have constant opportunity to lose the ground we have gained yesterday.

God wants to secure us in the knowledge that OUR FAITH IS THE EMBRACE OF ALL THAT GOD REVEALS IN THE GOSPEL! The only thing that can hinder man from enjoying the full measure of God's approval is IGNORANCE. Ignorance has two ingredients, namely *no knowledge and wrong knowledge.* One of the biggest problems is WRONG KNOWLEDGE, or wrong preaching. People are taught to *accept defeat and make room for disappointment* in their lives, to allow the enemy from time to time to have his way and sway in their lives. We have *allowed*

ignorance to rob us of the quality of that which the Gospel has come to reveal.

The extent of man's fall in Adam was reality, but man did not realize it until the law revealed it. In the same way in CHRIST, the extent of man's JUSTIFICATION, or REDEMPTION, is also reality. However, man does not realize this, until the Gospel reveals it. Just as through the Law sin was awakened in Man (Rom.7:11), so through the Gospel of Jesus Christ righteousness is awakened in Man. As we hear the TRUTH of our redemption, righteousness, or knowledge of what God has brought us into, is awakened within us. 1 Cor. 15:34 - "Awake unto righteousness, and do not sin..." The preaching of the real Gospel of Jesus Christ awakens you unto the righteousness that Christ has brought you into, and commands you therefore not to sin any longer!

Your SENSES would seek to interrupt what your faith knows. Suddenly, you become aware of various things that seem to contradict your standing in Christ Jesus. Ultimately, you find yourself in a situation where you seem to have a solid excuse to be anxious. In the light of your situation, you could define your anxiety or disappointment accurately. This thing has happened and then the next thing happened and now something else has happened, and these three things now confirm your disappointment. You feel you have a reason to be miserable and get away with it! NO, you cannot! NOTHING CAN SO DISAPPOINT YOU, THAT YOUR FAITH IS NOT ABLE TO ELEVATE YOU FROM IT. NO SITUATION CAN SO DRAG YOU DOWN, THAT YOUR FAITH CANNOT LIFT YOU FROM IT! As long as we know that the ingredient or substance of our faith is found in the revelation of the gospel.

What is the power of the gospel? Is it the mere repetition of what happened historically 2000 years ago in that one individual Jesus Christ? Or, is the power of the Gospel found in the fact that the whole HUMAN RACE DIED IN HIS DEATH? The enemy somehow tries to put thoughts into your mind that begin to bring doubt whether you have died in Him. He will try to tell you - "Listen, you are not quite dead to the OLD MAN yet! Look at what has happened! Look at how you handled that situation or reacted to that person's attitude towards you!" All this in the midst of the Word telling us in Rom.6:6 that the old man died with Christ.

Somehow, the enemy would seek to bring evidence against you to disqualify you. THE TRUTH IS THAT THE GOSPEL REVEALS HOW PERFECTLY GOD HAS RESTORED THE HUMAN RACE TO HIMSELF BEFORE THEY EVEN KNEW ABOUT IT. There is nothing, no lie that the enemy can bring against you. NO EVIDENCE that he can bring against you could disqualify you in terms of this Gospel, or destroy the focus of the fact of your faith. The focus of the fact of your faith is found in - "YOU DIED IN HIS DEATH". *To doubt your own death is to doubt the death of Jesus.* If you can doubt your own death, you might as well doubt His, BECAUSE the death of Jesus Christ does not say anything LESS or anything MORE than your death. *There is no virtue in the fact that Jesus died by Himself.* There is no virtue in that! The Gospel is not His death and His resurrection. The Gospel is US BEING CO-CRUCIFIED WITH HIM, US BEING UNITED TOGETHER IN A DEATH LIKE HIS AND US BEING RAISED TOGETHER WITH HIM. THAT IS THE BASIS OF THE GOSPEL - OUR IDENTIFICATION IN HIM.

I Cor. 15:34 (RSV) - "Come to your right mind." If I submit myself to a wrong mind, it means I am embracing any knowledge that my senses can accumulate, but a KNOWLEDGE that contradicts the knowledge that my faith has received through a focus upon the Gospel. This other knowledge would seem to disqualify me and hinder me in my appropriation of the favor of God. The King James version says - "Awake unto righteousness! AWAKE UNTO RIGHTEOUSNESS!"

While I acknowledge or embrace my problem, I draw disappointment from that problem. I draw the negative poison that causes anxiety, despair, and the weakness in my heart that seems to cut me off from the favor of God. However, by acknowledging the truth, by *preferring the WORD*, preferring what GOD HAS DONE IN CHRIST, disqualifies and nullifies that problem. Therefore, "AWAKE UNTO RIGHTEOUSNESS", "COME TO YOUR RIGHT MIND".

I John 3:19 - "By this we shall know that we are of the TRUTH". The enemy tries to make you doubt your origin as a NEW CREATION. He tries to take your attention away from what the WORD says about you, so that you believe the *contradiction in your circumstances* about the new creation. By doing this, he can effectively disqualify you. However, the Word says - "By this we shall know that we are of the TRUTH." The truth is not the fact of your disappointment. It is not the fact of how many things happened against you, or how many times you failed lately. THE TRUTH IS THAT GOD RECONCILED YOU IN CHRIST JESUS.

James 1:18 - "*Of His own will He brought us forth by the WORD OF TRUTH*". "Look to the rock from which you were hewn" - Is.55:1. He says, "...of His own will He brought us forth". *Your origin is the WORD OF TRUTH* and that you should be a kind of first fruit of His creation God saw in the Word of Truth. What was the Word of truth? Jam.1:25 calls it the "PERFECT LAW OF LIBERTY." He that looks into the perfect law of liberty will experience release from contradiction in his life. What is that law established upon? Is my faith just wishful thinking? Is it just mere positive thoughts that I am embracing, or is it related to a law, principle, or government of liberty? *The basis of that Law is found in your association in Christ Jesus*. It is called the "LAW OF IDENTIFICATION". That is the word of truth. The truth is not your experience. Your experience is the *fact of your life*, but the truth of your life is found in Jesus Christ. He is the way, the TRUTH and the life according to John 16:4, and you were united with Him at the cross.

If my experience is the MEASURE, or someone else's experience is the measure of my consistency, then I will definitely live an inconsistent life. If Man has to measure himself by any other measure than Jesus Christ Himself, he will be a confused individual. Man's biggest problems start when he starts *to measure himself by his own experience* or the experience of other people - II Cor.10:12-13. The truth is not MAN'S EXPERIENCE as a fallen or ignorant creature. The truth is how GOD ASSOCIATED THE HUMAN CREATURE IN HIS SON'S DEATH AND RESURRECTION, so that when Jesus was raised, a whole human race was raised together with Him. He was not raised as a mere individual. *His resurrection was the BIRTH OF A NEW SPECIES*. Jesus effectively heads up a new race of people.

As Adam was the head of a fallen race of mankind, so Jesus Christ became the HEAD OF A NEW RACE OF PEOPLE. "And of His own desire, He brought us forth, through the WORD OF TRUTH." That Word of Truth is the "PERFECT LAW OF LIBERTY." It is a law that secures our liberty, a law that ESTABLISHES MAN IN FREEDOM. It is a law that is NOT WEAK when it is challenged with contradiction, a law that does NOT SHRINK BACK and suddenly crumble up in defeat when there is a contradictory voice against it. It is a perfect law of liberty that GUARANTEES and SECURES each individual in the experience of what redemption reveals. Redemption reveals to the human race how perfectly God has RECONCILED MAN TO HIMSELF IN CHRIST JESUS. I John 3:19 says - "By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure (persuade, set at rest) our hearts before Him."

You need to deal with the disappointment in your heart! If your heart can begin to condemn you effectively, then soon you will submit yourself to the poison of that condemnation. Rom.8:1 says - "*There is therefore no condemnation.*" You need to understand the "therefore" in this verse in the light of all the previous chapters, where Paul reveals the righteousness that is of God. How God effectively dealt with sin. How sin was not calculated where there was no law. How the Law revealed to Man the extent of his condition outside of God. How *God made provision in Christ Jesus in the grace that He lavished upon us.* "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God" - Rom.5:1. He says in Rom.5:5 - "The love of God is shed abroad in our hearts" so that our HOPE WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED, so that OUR HOPE WILL NOT

DISAPPOINT US. He says, "There is therefore no condemnation for those who are in Christ."

How do we effectively GET INTO CHRIST?" You are effectively born in Christ by just being born on this planet. Being HUMAN QUALIFIES YOU TO BE IN CHRIST. Do you know that? Because "One died for all", therefore, "All have died in his death". It is possible through my own ignorance and stubborn unbelief to be totally outside of that provision in my own experience. The Word is clear in Eph.1:10 - "That in the dispensation of the fullness of the times *He might gather together in One all things in Christ*, both which are in heaven and which are on earth - in Him."

That means dealing with disappointment is RECOGNIZING THE TRUTH above any SENSE KNOWLEDGE CONTRADICTIONS that seek to contradict your FAITH and the FOCUS OF YOUR HEART - THE CONSCIOUSNESS OF YOUR BEING UNITED TOGETHER IN CHRIST JESUS. "I died. I live no more. The life I now live, I live by the faith of the Son of God". That reality fills you with the energy that it takes to live ABOVE disappointment. By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our hearts before Him. It is so important that you CONSTANTLY WALK in a heart that BEARS WITNESS to the KNOWLEDGE OF FAITH.

Romans 10:6-8 says, "The righteousness that is from above says, "Do not say in your heart who will ascend into Heaven? That is to bring Christ down." Do not let your heart begin to submit to the lies that your senses register. You cannot keep your eyes from seeing contradiction, if the contradiction is there. Whether it is ill

health, a financial thing that does not seem to work out, anxiety of any nature or sin's temptation that comes to you. Contradictions are numerous. Your senses will see it, but if your heart EMBRACES THE NEGATIVE, then it will effectively destroy you.

The Word says - "We may reassure or uplift our hearts before Him" because of the Word of Truth. I John 3:20 - "Whenever our hearts condemn us", for *God is greater than our hearts and He knows EVERYTHING. Escape into what God knows.* If you notice these things, it becomes a source of information that seeks to disqualify you. ESCAPE INTO GOD'S KNOWLEDGE, for that is where your heart is being REASSURED.

II Cor.5:11 - "Therefore knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade men, but what we are, is known to God" - "WHAT WE ARE IS KNOWN TO GOD". Is it not lovely that verse comes before verse 17, "Therefore if any man be in Christ he is a new creation. The old things have passed away. BEHOLD all things have become new." What is the source of that knowledge? "What we are is known to God". You may reassure your heart before God whenever your heart condemns you. For GOD IS GREATER THAN YOUR HEART. What is the measure there? "God knows everything!" *God's mind is filled with the knowledge of your REDEMPTION or LEGAL RELEASE.*

If the enemy could effectively plant some sense of condemnation and guilt in you, he would keep you from *being the reflection of the praise that God has released you to be.* You would again seek to praise God *outside of yourself* and somehow compare God with the trees and creation. There is no comparison there. The

comparison is HIS IMAGE AND LIKENESS RESTORED IN YOU! The spirit of man or the new man was created according to God, in righteousness and true holiness - Eph.4:24. We know I John 5:9, which says "The testimony of God is greater than the testimony of Man". *God wants you to stand fully assured in His testimony of you - "reassure our hearts before Him"*.

Hebrews 12:1-3 - "Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and sin which clings so closely and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, *looking away* unto Jesus *the Author and Finisher* (the pioneer and perfecter) of our Faith, who *for the joy that was set before Him* endured the Cross, despised the shame and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God". *Consider HIM*, who endured from sinners such hostility against Himself, so *that you may not grow weary or fainthearted*." It is possible to encounter circumstances here in this life, in which I will find ample reason to become weary and fainthearted. Hebrews 10:35 says - "*Do not throw away your confidence*, which has great recompense of reward". Our confidence is Christ Jesus Himself, because "as He is so are we in this world". (I John 4:17) God wants to *establish you* on the foundation of a confidence that secures you in Christ Jesus. Nothing *can interfere with it*.

Now notice this - It speaks of *two ingredients* that Man has for Him. First, this one says - "Since we are surrounded with such *a cloud of witnesses*". That refers to the men of old of Heb. 11 that received divine approval. They have received divine approval, not by anything else, but by their faith. There was no other evidence, no other support to what they knew by faith,

through their senses. Since they are the ones who back the testimony of our own lives, it was revealed to our Fathers. It was revealed to the prophets that they served not themselves, but us, in the things that have now been announced to us. Since I realize that there is a testimony, *a witness involved in my life*, I dare not be ignorant and casual about what redemption qualifies me for, and disappoint the cloud of witnesses.

Then he says, "*Looking away*", as the second thing. "*Looking away*", instead of looking into this weight, trying to discover the roots of the problem, and finding out how long you have had it. "Where did it come from? *What is the history of my problem?*" Instead of that, you must be "*Looking away unto Jesus*". You need to write it into your Bibles, if you do not have it in your translation, because in the Greek it says very clearly in Heb.2:12 "*Looking away unto Jesus.*" You must make a decision to look away from the contradiction and start to look at Jesus in whom your life is hidden - Col.3:1-3. Look away unto Jesus as the revelation of who you are in Him.

WHAT DO YOU SEE WHEN YOU SEE JESUS? Do you see Jesus in the reality of what He accomplished on your behalf? *Do you see Jesus the way God sees Jesus?* Do you know how God sees Jesus? *God cannot see Jesus outside of seeing you at the same time.* It is impossible for the Father to look at Jesus anymore as an individual. God sees in Jesus you and the human race - "*Looking away unto Jesus, so that I will not become weary and fainthearted.*"

Jesus proved that the life lived in heaven COULD BE LIVED ON EARTH without interference! Jesus proved that DISTANCE would not intimidate that life, *that He*

could live the very life that heaven enjoys on earth, without anything on this planet effectively interfering with the quality of that life. For 30 years before His ministry, He lived above every opportunity to be defeated. JESUS JUSTIFIED OUR DESIGN. He did not live a life that I must long after to achieve as well. We do not see Him as a wonderful individual who lived a sinless perfect life, while the rest of us will have to continue to hide behind our theological excuses to remain sinners. NO! We see Him as the MIRROR REFLECTION of our own lives! We read the Gospels as our *own biography* written by God Himself.

"LOOKING AWAY UNTO JESUS." What do I see when I look away unto Him? Do I see in Him an excuse for my own failure? Alternately, do I see in Him the *reason for my release and success*? "Looking away unto Jesus", who lived on this planet *the very quality of life that He lives in heaven*, without being in any way interfered with or interrupted. I would like to draw your attention to a verse of Scripture in I Cor.1:4. The *basis of our confidence* lies not in our blameless conscience, BUT IN CHRIST. "I give thanks to God always for you." Paul had enough reason for disappointment in the ministry here, because he had heard some very bad reports about the believers in Corinth. In spite of that, he says, "I give thanks to God always for you, *because of the grace of God which was given you in Christ Jesus.*"

What is the source, THE REFERENCE POINT to Paul's confidence? What is Paul's reference for being confident about the believer? His reference is "THE GRACE OF GOD IN CHRIST JESUS". It is NOT their behavior, OR their good or bad conduct. It is WHAT GOD SAW IN CHRIST ON THEIR BEHALF, BEFORE THEY WERE.

That is His reference point! That is the place of His testimony. "That in every way you were enriched in Him with all speech and all knowledge, even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you."

What is the testimony of Christ? It says in I John 5:9 - "If we have received the testimony of man, the testimony of God is greater." What was the testimony of Christ? "*That He pleased God.*" That was His testimony. The testimony of Jesus was that His Father could not fault Him. His Father was absolutely 100% pleased with Him. There was nothing in the life of Jesus that could hinder the approval of God. *God was totally satisfied in His Son.* That is the testimony of Jesus. He says *that testimony is confirmed in you.*

It is not a matter of looking at the wonderful hamburger on the advertisement and having to eat the miserable one that they put before you in reality. It is not a matter of God deceiving himself and just looking unto Jesus, ignoring my mistakes. GOD SEES IN CHRIST THE AMPLE PROVISION of GRACE, THE MEASURE OF APPROVAL THAT QUALIFIES ME. Col.1:12 says, "*God has qualified me*". Therefore, I will not allow any SENSE KNOWLEDGE to interrupt my consciousness of being qualified by God! My confidence is not based on my conduct or someone else's opinion, but on what God saw in JESUS before I was. When I was yet an unformed substance in my mother's womb, His eyes beheld me. In the beginning when the WORD was, I was. Did you know that? You pre-existed in the mind and the imagination of God before you were. You existed FROM ALL ETERNITY, says Eph.1:4 - "*God associated Man in Christ before the ages.*" Before the history of Man, God

associated Man in Christ Jesus. That is the only basis our faith has to operate from.

I Cor.1:6-7 says - "*Even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you, so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will sustain you to the end, blameless or guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.*" Now tell me, how can He sustain me guiltless, if I am not already guiltless. God cannot sustain, neither can anyone sustain something that is not there yet. Therefore, if God is to sustain me guiltless, *it must mean that I am guiltless.* It does not say that God is going to cleanse me through the process of time or through the education of experience, and eventually approve of some of us who might make it. God will not approve and say, "Well, this one is guiltless because he fasted so many days a year. That one is guiltless because he prayed so much. They are guiltless because they read their Bible often and they knew so many Scriptures off by heart." *It is not a matter of knowing the Scriptures off by heart. It is knowing the heart behind the Scriptures,* that makes the difference.

WHAT QUALIFIES ME then? HIS TESTIMONY OF ME. He is able to sustain me in blameless innocence, guiltless. God is able to sustain the guiltless. Do you see now how you deal with disappointment? When disappointment comes to you, you must challenge the knowledge of *that source of negative information by another source of information, namely the TRUTH OF YOUR GUILTLESSNESS.* To do this, is to walk in the light as He is in the light. That is running into the knowledge of what God knows. That is escaping into the reality of being a PARTAKER OF THE DIVINE NATURE.

Jesus did not feel intimidated because of the distance. *What Jesus had in heaven, could now effectively be lived on the earth* in the flesh. Why did the flesh not intimidate Him? Because He walked on earth, conscious of the reality concerning His life. The flesh did not disqualify Him from being a PARTAKER OF THE DIVINE NATURE. He knew that His confidence had nothing to do with Him successfully experimenting with all the knowledge that He gathers. His partaking of the divine nature qualifies Him. Therefore, His Father could say, "This is my beloved Son in whom *I am well pleased*". Long before Jesus performed one miracle, His Father was well pleased with Him. *He did not have to heal the eyes of the blind to qualify for the good pleasure of His Father.* Hallelujah. On the same basis, God is well pleased with you, not because of anything you did, but because of who you are in Him.

"He will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ." God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord." God called us into the fellowship of His Son. Philemon verse 6 says that our fellowship exists in just one thing - *acknowledging every good thing that is in us in Christ.* That is where we find our fellowship. Nothing puts into effect our faith more than JUST ACKNOWLEDGING THE TRUTH. "And of His own will He brought us forth by the WORD OF TRUTH." God was not trying to think of something that could not be. God called something that was not manifest yet, as though it were, because it WAS in Christ Jesus. "The Word of truth!" We realize INTEGRITY is the basis of FAITH. That faith becomes the BASIS OF FELLOWSHIP. That fellowship becomes the BASIS of

our INTIMACY. That intimacy becomes the BASIS of our FULFILLMENT.

If I live an unfulfilled life, God is grieved. Therefore, God made provision for everyone to secure an uninterrupted blamelessness, to sustain Man, blameless, innocent, and guiltless, before Him, because of the fellowship that He has called us into. He has called us into this "koinonia".

So the *basis of my confidence* is not even my own blameless conscience, but Christ. You see the basis of confidence has nothing to do with how clean you feel at any moment of time, but how PEACEFUL you feel. CHRIST IS THE BASIS OF YOUR CONFIDENCE. What will happen when YOU FOCUS YOUR FAITH UNHINDERED UPON HIM, Looking away unto Jesus? You rid yourself of every weight and every sin, every "hamartia", everything that would seek to cause you to miss the mark of His PERFECTION in you, of His COMPLETENESS that He brought you into. "Looking away unto Jesus", who is the author, the pioneer and the perfecter of my faith. Because in that mirror, *beholding Him*, I see myself TOTALLY IDENTIFIED IN HIM. I view in that picture of Jesus how Father views Jesus. God cannot see His Son independent of you, because of the Law of identification. God associated you in Him!

The Sabbath rest is a state of absolute fulfillment. If the enemy could draw you outside the boundaries of the Sabbath rest, He will immediately draw you back into your own WORKS, because the Sabbath rest includes all that God accomplished on Man's behalf through REDEMPTION. The Sabbath rest of the New Covenant is the SUM TOTAL of all that GOD DID ON MAN'S BEHALF IN CHRIST JESUS. When God valued the

Sabbath rest in Is.53:11, He said - "That He shall see of the fruit of the travail of *His soul and be satisfied.*" Therefore, the Sabbath rest means to see in the travail of Jesus' soul what God saw in His Son. The ingredient of the Sabbath rest is God's consciousness of your death, resurrection, completeness and acceptance in Christ Jesus.

How did Adam enter into the Sabbath rest? *Simply by awakening* on the Seventh day. He just had to wake up. When he did, *his only contribution was one of appreciation and acknowledging.* He did not have to add to himself before he could enter into God's rest. God's rest is that PLACE which God has provided for us. Within the boundaries of God's labor, we find the anointing! Outside the boundaries of what God did, you may be sure of a "burn-out" because your own labor will not successfully satisfy you. Your own ability to achieve, prevail and sustain your own experience mechanically will disappoint you repeatedly, but *within the boundaries of His achievement*, you find the anointing. Amen. The anointing is simply entering into what God knows to be true, realizing as God realizes your redemption. Hallelujah.

I Cor.1:8 (Amplified) - "*Jesus is the guarantee of your vindication.*" Is that not beautiful? "Christ is the guarantee of your vindication." He is *your warrant against all accusation.* Rom.8:33 - "Who shall lay any charge against God's elect?" You must understand that the subtle thing behind that contradiction is Satan's attempt to place guilt upon you. For instance, when you have prayed for your little one and you do not see any immediate release of healing, *the enemy wants to place a sense of guilt upon your mind* to weigh you down. He

wants to question in your mind your guiltlessness. Then he wants to question the next ingredient of meaningful fellowship - *the favor of God*. He wants you to talk as Israel did in Is.40:27, when they began to question the favor of God in their lives. They said - "*My right is disregarded by God, because I do not see instant answers to my problems*".

"Looking away unto Jesus, the author and pioneer who, for the joy that was set before Him endured." In this Law of Liberty, there is a unique place of endurance. There nothing could come against you that justify your anxiety to attach itself again to you. That means, "though the earth be removed and the mountains be cast into the midst of the sea." Even if the circumstances are as bad as that, NOTHING could come against you. Could you imagine the headlines if that should happen? *A place of unhindered, uninterrupted assuredness in a faith knowledge that holds to nothing but what God says to me, totally associated in Christ Jesus.* ALLOWING THAT STATE OF ABSOLUTE FULFILLMENT TO BE THE QUALITY OF MY LIFE.

Adam awoke into a consciousness of having to add nothing to God's approval of him. When he opened his eyes, he realized there is no need to add anything to God's approval of him. That is the Sabbath rest. Zephaniah 3:17 - "The Lord your God is in your midst. *He will rejoice over you with gladness.*" The Hebrew word for *rejoice* is very strong. It speaks of *dancing around with absolute excitement*. It means then that God is dancing around, because He is so excited about the human being. It continues, "*And then He will be silent in His love for you.*" The Afrikaans translation says, "Hy is stil tevrede in sy liefde." That is the Sabbath rest. God

wants you to partake of that same quality, that He pioneered for you - A PLACE OF UNHINDERED BLAMELESSNESS, FREE FROM DISAPPOINTMENT, free from any evidence that could so contradict you that it would disqualify you.

Jesus is the guarantee. Grasp that as a revelation in your heart today! Jesus is the guarantee of your redemption. He is the guarantee of your vindication. He is the warrant that protects your righteousness, His life! Because Jesus is the knowledge of the Father, He knows who we are. "What we are is known to God." How does God know you? *He knows you in Christ.* How do we embrace that knowledge? We embrace it by *agreeing with God.* Not submitting themselves to the righteousness of God, kept the Jews under the power of their own efforts. God wants to release you from any contradiction and any counterfeit righteousness, by acknowledging that, "*as He is so am I in this world*" - I John 4:17. As the Father saw His Son's success in the cross, so He views us, and by this knowledge or truth, I may re-assure my heart before Him whenever my heart disappoints me.

I John 1:7 speaks of "*walking in the light as He is in the light*". "In thy light, do we see the light" (Ps.36:9), not as an excuse for my failure, but as a release from the condemnation and guilt that the failure would bring to me. Praise God!

Father, we thank You for Your Word. Thank You that *Your Word is such a powerful source of light and life to each one of us.* Thank You that Your Word *liberates us.* The knowledge of the truth liberates us from every form of ignorance, whether it be no knowledge, lack of

knowledge or wrong knowledge. Thank You that You cause us as a people *to walk in the knowledge of our liberty.*

Father, we thank You that *Your light dispels darkness.* It dispels every form of irregular knowledge, or knowledge that is inconsistent with the new creation, and we thank You for that guarantee that we have in Jesus who proved our design in the life that He lived.

We thank You that faith gives us *a new focus now to set our minds upon* the things that are above, upon the fact that we are co-raised together with Christ Jesus. We praise You Lord. Thank You that it brings us into such a release to no longer put any stumbling block before a brother, through any judgment that is not consistent with the new covenant. Thank You Father.

Father, *we have discovered our value.* *We have discovered our worth in Your estimation of us,* when the precious life of Your Son was bruised and broken on our behalf. Father, in that light we have discovered one another's worth, one another's value and we have found Your approval. Thank You, Father, for *the beauty of fellowship* - New Testament fellowship. We thank You for every opportunity we have in this week to include others in our experience of Your favor. We glorify Your Name Jesus. Amen!

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